(a) whether the arrangements of passengers amenities like drinking water, waiting-room, electricity, public urinals and cleanliness are not adequate at Rajkot, Jamnagar, Amreli and Junagarh Railway Stations (in Western Railway);

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the public and passenger associations in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to provide adequate passenger amenities at these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No representation has been received in the recent past. However, upgradation of amenities/facilities for the passengers is a continuous process depending on the volume of passenger traffic and availability of resources.

Withdrawal of trains running between Delhi-Jakhal section

790. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of trains running between Delhi-Jakhal section were withdrawn/curtailed in view of the extremism in Punjab; and

(b) if so, whether Govtrnment propose to resume the train services which were suspended as the situation has been normalised in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two pairs of trains were cancelled between Delhi and Bathinda and Jind and Firozpur sections have since been restored. The running of 3 pairs of Express trains, which were diverted to run via Ambala, have also been restored via Jakhal.

Construction of railway line between Hissar-Patiala-Chandigarh

791. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a Railway line between Hissar-Patiala-Chandigarh via Hissar-Barwala-Narwana-Pattran-Patiala;

(b) whether Government are aware that the paddy rich areas of Khanouri, Pattran, Samana have not any rail links;

(c) whether Government are also aware that this rail link would provide a direct access to the South Western Districts Hissar, Bhiwani, Sirsa, Narwana, Jind and Kaithal of Haryana a short route for Chandigarh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what action Government intend to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Constraints of resources. Consideration of this line will have to wait till resources position improves and some of the ongoing projects get completed.

Modernisation of railway station in Tamil Nadu

792. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some railway stations in Tamil Nadu have been modernised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of remaining railway stations in Tamil Nadu which are required to be modernised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.